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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

(For members seeking reappointment to a City of Rockville Board or Commission)

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(Note: Work phone numbers are only for staff use)

Name of current Board (or Commission): Traffic and Transportation

Please complete the following:

How long have you served on this Board or Commission?

Since November 2002.

Why do you wish to be considered for reappointment by the Mayor and Council?

One of the things that I love about Rockville is the opportunity it gives citizens for meaningful civic involvement. When I first moved to Rockville and saw that there was a vacancy on the Traffic and Transportation Commission, I jumped at the opportunity because of my concern and commitment to pedestrian safety.

In the past 7 years, I've watched as the Commission's formal responsibilities have increased (always to be met with enthusiasm and renewed commitment by the Commissioners) and the Commission's relationship with the Traffic and Transportation Staff has developed into a productive partnership. Although the City of Rockville continues to be a leader in adopting effective transportation policies and practices, and for the high priority it puts on making the city safe for pedestrians and bicyclists and reducing traffic congestion, there is still work to be done. Now that I am no longer chair, I hope to have more time to follow up on areas that are of particular concern to me. These include:

**Using data to identify the most dangerous areas for pedestrians/cyclists and motorists in Rockville.**

- § The Traffic and Transportation Division staff continues their intersection inventory, and many sites have been improved. However, the most dangerous intersections in Rockville are on County and State Roads. This means that the City cannot act unilaterally, but will need to first convince the County/State of the need to fix these intersections, and then work closely with them to see it through. As a Commissioner, I want to encourage and support these efforts.
- § The Commission has a good working relationship with the Rockville Police Department. In the past year the Rockville PD has shared data with us on East Gude Drive, where a commission had raised concerns about pedestrians crossing at the Men's shelter. The data bore out his concerns and there are plans to modify the crossing to make it safer. We also need to follow up to make sure that every time there is a traffic fatality in

Rockville, we have the opportunity to review the incident report (when permitted by law).

**Outreach to other Commission and Boards, neighborhoods and populations with special transportation needs.**

- § Commissions and Boards. There are natural areas of overlap with the Planning and Environment Commissions and the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee. However, I'd like to explore areas where we could work with Human Services, Human Rights and Senior Services--for example, to learn about the transportation and safety concerns of Rockville's senior citizens.
- § Learning from the neighborhoods. I have seen that some neighborhoods actively advocate for themselves, but others are quiet. The Commission has had some communications with Neighborhood Services and the College Gardens residents about Montgomery College's closing of the Princeton Place entrance, and I'd like to work with City staff to reach out to some of the other neighborhoods to learn about their concerns, and help them identify things that they and the City can do to improve the safety and walkability of their neighborhoods.

What other information should be considered for your reappointment? (Examples: Ways in which you have personally contributed to the work of the Board or Commission; leadership roles you have held on behalf of the work of the group such as chair, head of a committee or task force)

When I was appointed to be Chair in 2007, I decided make the approval and implementation of the Rockville Revised Pedestrian Policy my mission. The Commission had completed its revisions of the policy in 2004, after several years of hard work, but it had lost momentum in spite of efforts by past Chairs to move it through the approval process. It required a great deal of persistence (and some would say nagging!), but the revised policy finally went before the council in the fall of 2008, and was adopted in spring of 2009.

November 2007 to December 2009 was a very active time for the Commission. My contributions during this period included:

- § Chairing numerous public hearings under the Comprehensive Transportation Review on proposed developments that would have an impact on traffic levels. I ensured that Commissioners and the public had opportunities to ask questions of the Developer, that the Commission heard public feedback and the Staff recommendations, and that the Commission had an in-depth discussion of the proposal before providing its recommendation to the Staff and, as appropriate, Mayor and Council and the Planning Commission.
- § Chairing frequently-contentious public hearings for residential permit parking applications;
- § Ensuring that the Commission had an opportunity to provide expert (and candid) feedback on Traffic and Transportation Division initiatives and policies such as Complete Streets and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) proposals;
- § Testifying at Council meetings, and
- § Reporting to the Mayor and Council on the achievements and current activities of the Commission at the 2008 Working Meeting and at this year's meeting of the Boards and Commissions, as well as providing written documentation annually.

Please attach an updated resume or additional information (Optional)

Please indicate here ☒ yes or ☐ no whether or not the City may give elected officials who serve Rockville (other than the Mayor and Council) your name and address. This information will not be used for any fundraising or campaign mailings. No phone numbers will be given.

**Please submit this information to: Mayor and Council c/o City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. 240-314-8280**  
**Thank you!**

A recent brief biographical sketch:

***Elizabeth H. Crane, Ph.D., M.P.H.***

***Social Science Analyst, Drug Abuse Warning Network***

Elizabeth H. Crane, Ph.D., M.P.H., is an analyst on the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) team at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Office of Applied Studies. The Drug Abuse Warning Network collects data on drug-related hospital emergency department visits and produces annual estimates of drug-related emergency department visits for the Nation and 12 metropolitan areas. Drug misuse and abuse are captured, as well as all other types of drug-related causes (such as accidental poisonings and adverse reactions). DAWN also collects data on drug-related deaths investigated by medical examiners and coroners in 12 States and over 150 metropolitan areas (although no national data are available).

Dr. Crane has worked with DAWN since 2000 and currently serves as the Project Officer for the DAWN Operations (data collection) contract with an annual budget of approximately \$15 million. Dr. Crane is a nationally-recognized expert on substance abuse data and has presented findings at conferences across the country. She is responsible for responding to both internal and external data inquiries, and routinely conducts analyses of DAWN data for SAMHSA, including FDA, CDC and DEA, as well as the Office of National Drug Control Policy (the 'Drug Czar'), state and local governments, researchers, the media and the general public. She has published numerous short reports on drug misuse/abuse topics. She also facilitates outreach to local public health agencies and organizations to support the recruitment of hospitals and medical examiners into DAWN and to increase awareness about the availability of DAWN data.

Before coming to SAMHSA, Dr. Crane was an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer at the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, where her interests included the investigating the relationship between dating violence and suicidal behavior among adolescents, opiate-related mortality, and developing survey instruments to investigate risk factors for motor vehicle-related drowning. Dr. Crane was detailed to the World Health Organization's polio eradication campaign in Pakistan for 3 months, where she was responsible for monitoring polio surveillance activities and providing training and technical assistance in Punjab Province.

Dr. Crane's current volunteer activities include serving on the City of Rockville Traffic and Transportation Commission since 2002 (as Chair from 2007-2009), a 'foster mom' for golden retriever rescue, and a driver for rural animal shelter transports (taking dogs from overcrowded shelters in the South to rescue groups and adopters in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions).

Dr. Crane received her A.B. in anthropology at Bryn Mawr College and her Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology and M.P.H. from the University of California, Berkeley.